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SUBJ: VISIT OF ICRC EXECUTIVE PRESIDENT

1. ROGER GALLOPIN, PRESIDENT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS (ICRC) WILL ATTEND THE AMERICAN RED CROSS NATIONAL CONVENTION IN PORTLAND, OREGON MAY 9-12 AS GUEST OF ARC CHAIRMAN FRANK STANTON (FORMER PRESIDENT OF CBS). FOLLOWING CONVENTION, GALLOPIN PLANS PRIVATE TRAVEL IN US BEFORE COMING TO WASHINGTON MAY 22-25. AMERICAN RED CROSS HAS SUGGESTED, AND GALLOPIN HAS CONFIRMED, THAT HE WOULD BE PLEASED TO MEET WITH SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS DURING HIS STAY IN WASHINGTON.

2. IN ADDITION TO APPOINTMENTS AT STATE DEPT GALLOPIN WOULD ATTACH SPECIAL IMPORTANCE TO POSSIBILITY OF BRIEF MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT, WHICH HE BELIEVES WOULD ASSIST HIM IN TALKS HE WILL HAVE WITH SOVIET LEADERS IN MOSCOW THIS SUMMER ON SUBJECTS INCLUDING EMIGRATION OF SOVIET JEWS AND ARRANGEMENTS OF ICRC VISITS TO POLITICAL PRISONERS IN THE SOVIET UNION.

3. GALLOPIN WOULD ALSO BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS AMERICANS MISSING IN ACTION IN SOUTHEAST ASIA AND CURRENT ICRC EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IN LEBANON TO WHICH USG HAS CONTRIBUTED 500,000 DOLLARS.

4 REPRESENTATIVE G.V. MONTGOMERY (D-MISS), IN GENEVA IN
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HIS CAPACITY AS CHAIRMAN OF HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON MISSING

PERSONS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA, AND AS CONGRESSIONAL ADVISOR TO DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE ON HUMANITARIAN LAW IN ARMED CONFLICTS, HAS INVITED GALLOPIN TO MEET WITH HIS COMMITTEE WHEN HE IS IN WASHINGTON, WHICH GALLOPIN HAS ACCEPTED. MONTGOMERY BELIEVES IT WOULD BE HELPFUL FOR THE PRESIDENT TO RECEIVE GALLOPIN AND INDICATED HE WILL FOLLOW UP ON THIS AFTER HIS RETURN TO WASHINGTON APRIL 26.

5 COMMENT: IT APPEARS TO US GALLOPIN VISIT PROVIDES UNUSUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR USG TO REAFFIRM SUPPORT FOR WORK OF ICRC IN AREAS OF TENSION AND ARMED CONFLICT THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. IN VIEW OF SECRETARY'S FULL SCHEDULE, WE WOULD SUGGEST GALLOPIN BE RECEIVED IN DEPT BY UNDER SECRETARY SISCO, AND THAT CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO HAVING LUNCH FOR HIM IN THE DEPT. HE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY LAURENT MARTI, ICRC GENERAL DELEGATE FOR MIDDLE EAST, CURRENTLY IN CHARGE OF ICRC PROGRAM IN LEBANON, WHO COULD PROVIDE FIRSTHAND BRIEFING ON ICRC EFFORTS IN THAT AREA.

6. IN ADDITION, DISCUSSIONS IN DEPT COULD COVER ICRC WORK ON BEHALF OF MIA'S IN SOUTHEAST ASIA, POLITICAL DETAINEES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, RELIEF EFFORTS IN ANGOLA (INCLUDING ITS EFFORTS TO ASSIST AMERICAN MERCENARIES), AS WELL AS THE FORTHCOMING GALLOPIN VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION.

7. GALLOPIN DISCUSSED HIS TRIP WITH IO ASSISTANT SECRETARY SAMUEL LEWIS AND DEPT DEPUTY COORDINATOR FOR HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS FRANK SIEVERTS, WHO CONCUR IN THIS MESSAGE.

8. FYI, PREVIOUS ICRC PRESIDENT MARCEL NAVILLE MET WITH SECRETARY OF STATE ROGERS AND PRESIDENT NIXON DURING VISIT TO WASHINGTON IN 1971. GALLOPIN MET BRIEFLY WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER IN GENEVA IN FEBRUARY 1975.DALE

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